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It is further requested that the disclosure and claims presently or subsequently presented in the following, copending U.S. Patent Applications, as well as any related applications now or subsequently claiming priority to one or more of the following U.S. Patent

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Applications, be expressly considered and made of record in the instant case as potentially disclosing or claiming subject matter material to examination of the present application.

- U.S. Patent Application No. 08/039,945, filed on 04/09/93, by Murphy et al.;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 08/453,304, filed on 05/30/95, by Murphy et al.;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 08/720,132, filed on 09/27/96, by Collins, Peter;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,882,651, issued on 03/16/99, to Murphy. et al.;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 09/291,894, filed on 04/13/99, by Collins, et al.;
- U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/129,006, filed on 04/13/99, by Murphy et al.;
 - U.S. Patent No. 5,922,326, issued on 07/13/99, to Murphy, Brian.;
 - U.S. Patent Application No. 09/444,067, filed on 11/19/99, by Murphy et al.;
 - U.S. Patent No. 5,993,824, issued on 11/30/99, to Murphy et al.;
- U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/213,708, filed on 06/23/00, by Kremple et al.;
 - U.S. Patent Application No. 09/602,212, filed on 06/23/00, by Buchholz et al.;
 - U.S. Patent Application No. 09/611,829, filed on 07/07/00, by Collins, Peter;
- U.S. Patent Application for PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUSES EXPRESSING IMMUNE MODULATORY MOLECULES, filed by Collins, Peter on 07/12/00, and identified by Attorney Docket No. 015280-388100US (claiming priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/143,425, filed on 07/13/99).

Applicants believe that their invention as claimed is patentable over the above references taken alone or in any combination. As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information. No inference should be drawn as to the pertinence of the references based on the order in which they are presented.

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